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SUBJ: VISIT BY FEA DIRECTOR TO KUWAIT?

1. USAMA JAMALI OF OAPEC QUIERED EMBOFF FEB 18 ABOUT VISIT TO KUWAIT LATER THIS MONTH OF FEA DIRECTOR ZARB. EMBOFF SAID WE HAD NO INFO WHATSOEVER REGARDING VISIT, BUT JAMALI CLAIMED TO HAVE LETTER FROM FRIEND IN WHITE HOUSE MENTIONING ZARB TRIP TO REGION AND IMPLYING THAT HE WOULD BE STOPPING IN KUWAIT AS WELL. FYI AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, JAMALI VISITED FEA, ERDA, DEPARTMENT AND OTHER USG AGENCIES LAST YEAR. HIS CORRESPONDENT WAS AN OFFICIAL WHOM HE MET AT THAT TIME. END FYI. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE US REGARDING POSSIBLE VISIT TO KUWAIT ANY TIME SOON OF FEA DIRECTOR ZARB.

2. JAMALI ALSO SAID THAT OAPEC SYG ALI ATEEQA BEGINNING TO CONSIDER VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MAY. APPARENTLY ATEEQA HAS BEEN INVITED TO DELIVER LECTURE AT HARVARD IN MAY, AND HE CONSIDERING VISITING WASHINGTON FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS. JAMALI PROMISED KEEP US INFORMED OF ATEEQA'S TRAVEL PLANS.

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